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Thanks

.. To Bunnings Kauri for the generous donation of items to our School Garden Programme.

.. Those parents who have helped out in rooms and around the school this term.

People of the week

.. Lisa Jones and her parent team for work in our school garden - looks fantastic and the kids are really motivated. Your efforts are appreciated.

.. Those awesome parents who coached and managed our netball and hockey teams over the 2011 winter season. Coaching is not an easy job - thanks for putting your hands up and for giving it your all. It goes without saying that, without your efforts, we would not have been able to field our teams.

.. Those children who took part in term 3 after school reading labs. To work for a further hour at the end of a full school day has placed additional demands on these children .. and the labs are by no means easy. Appearances are that those children who have stuck with it have made some very significant gains .. a just reward for their efforts.

.. Mrs Witte who has dedicated many hours to afternoon reading labs (additional to her already significant workload). This programme has relied very heavily on her input and the school (and I know parents also) are VERY grateful for this. Thank you Mrs Witte!

.. Hannah was awarded "Team Choice" for Mid Northern E Grade Hockey Team.

.. Jacob was awarded " Most Improved Player" Mid Northern D Grade Hockey Team.

.. Xanthe was awarded "Most Improved Player" for Ruatangata C Grade Grey Team.

.. Michelle for winning a bronze medal at a gymnastics competition in Kaitia last weekend.

Greats and Grands Day - 3 October

A special thanks to those greats and grands who have offered to spend the afternoon of 3 October with us. Please give your great or grand a call and make sure they know ..

.. to report to the school office on arrival

.. to bring a packed lunch IF THEY WANT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH THE CHILDREN (alternatively we will have finger food in the staffroom with staff)

The day will break down roughly as follows:

12:30 Lunch with children or staff (your choice)

1:00 Spend some time in the playground. Maybe join in some games

1:30 Wander around rooms (we will allocate some guides)

2:15 Watch our junior school concert

2:45 Wrap up and presentation of certificates

TRUSTWORTHINESS VIRTUE

Outstanding examples of the trustworthiness virtue will be announced at our final assembly next Friday afternoon. Congratulations in advance to all of those children acknowledged by their classes as shining examples of trustworthiness (and congratulations also to their parents).

Community Consultation

The Board would like to invite the input of parents to a new round of charter review. The charter identifies what our community considers to be matters of priority for our children. It is thus an opportunity for us to "shape" our curriculum in a way which has specific relevance for us.

The review forms will be sent home next week so that you get the opportunity to look over these in the holidays .. **for return please in the first week of the new term.** We would like the input of as many parents as possible to this process. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin (or a board member) with any questions. Thank you in anticipation.

After school reading labs

.. finish next Thursday. In term 4 children across the school will re-sit the PAT tests which were used as the basis for placement in the labs. We are hopeful of improved performances for these children especially and will advise parents of results. The key now is to ensure that new skills are carried over (with consistency) to related work.

Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi – 4 October

A reminder that year 7 and 8 children need to be at school by 8:45 AM on 4 October. A special thanks to those parents helping with transport and supervision. Children will need to bring their lunch, a drink bottle, warm clothing and suitable footwear. A few consents still outstanding. Any questions please to Mr D.

Calf Club Day – please note the following change to last week's insert

On Calf Club Day we will have our customary shared lunch after the judging has been completed. **This is for attending adults and those children with animals ONLY.**

Children with animals are asked to please *bring 2 plates of food for lunch* and leave them covered in the hall on Friday morning. Children without animals will be involved in various animal related activities throughout the morning but are asked to bring their own (regular) packed lunch please. **At the end of lunch children with animals may go home early with their parents to attend to their animals at their parents' discretion.**

Targa Road Closure – 25 October

Most of you will already be aware of the Targa rally scheduled to impact on the roads in the vicinity of the school on 25 October. As this is the first day of term 4 this is our only opportunity to advise you of how this might affect access to the school and home again on this day.

In short, please note ..

- .. morning buses are not affected
- .. afternoon buses travelling along Pipiwai Road are not affected
- .. the afternoon bus that travels via Matarau and Otakiarangi Roads will not be affected
- .. the afternoon bus that travels via Matarau and Rushbrook Roads may be affected .. children who are usually dropped off on the return journey up Rushbrook Road **may** be dropped off on the journey down the road and so please note there is a **possibility** of these children being dropped off a little earlier than usual.
- .. the Kamo bus may run a little later than usual

We will remain by the phones on the day and so parents are welcome to phone us with any questions or concerns.

School Photos

Photos will be sent home next week. It isn't too late to order (or to adjust your order) .. just give Helen a call.

Year 3 Camp

The Year 3 camp will be a sleepover at school on the 15 & 16th December. There will be some offsite activities, thanks to the Crawford & Finlayson family. We will need parents to stay overnight and assist with transport and supervision of small groups during these activities. So please diary in these dates. The cost will be \$15 per child with a subsidy from the remaining activity fee. We also need to borrow kayaks and life jackets (small child size). Please contact Sue Abbott or leave a message at the office if you can assist with this.

Absence from school for a special reason

A reminder that if you are planning a period of absence for your child (non-medical) ..

- .. that the Ministry of Education prefers that such activities are timed for term break where possible
- .. that where this is not possible / convenient, you are required to request an exemption from school stating grounds (this is a quick process which can be emailed to Kevin - response usually within 24 hours).

School Contribution/EOTC Payments

Thank you to those who have paid outstanding and term school contributions and activity fees. Those who have not yet paid are asked to do so next week please or to phone Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Please contact Helen if you would like to make payment by direct credit or if you have any queries.

Year 7 and 8 Pubertal Change programme

Please continue to talk to your child about what they have learnt and view and sign their workbook often. Teachers are more than happy to answer any questions during the course of this unit - please keep in touch.

Home Garden Programme

Children who have signed up to the 2011 Home Garden Programme received their garden booklets and support material today. During the holidays we suggest that children ..

- .. get their garden established (mindful of access to sun, shelter, water etc)
- .. purchase some suitable seedlings (or pot fast growing plants). Minimum 6 plants.
- .. ensure they have a compost in operation
- .. make a start to their diaries (especially the garden layout)

Don't hesitate to give Kevin a call next week with any questions. We will meet periodically at school to share, swap plants etc and gardens will be judged some time late November. We will update parents through the newsletter so that we all stay on track.

Headlice

These have been a recurring problem this term. The school inspects only once a term (usually around week 2 to 4) with a follow up one week later. After this it is up to parents to check their children's hair weekly and to respond quickly in the event of infestation (remember the 7 day cycle from egg to adult). Parents are reminded that it may not be sufficient to treat their child's hair only - it may be necessary to wash sheets, towels, bedding and clothes. Some parents recommend equal parts oil and vinegar (or coconut oil) left on as long as possible and then combed out with a nit comb .. up to you.

SKIDS Matarau Holiday Programme

Please let Abbe know if any families would be interested in sending their children to our holiday programme in the October holidays. We will need numbers ASAP to ensure the Programme will go ahead. Call 0278461724 or 08002741722 or

Matarau@skids.co.nz



Lost Property - Lots of lost property of your children's clothing. All going to be thrown out at the end of term. Come in and check!

Scholastics Book Club - Issue No. 6 is now closed. Clearance Sale issue closes 7th October (last day of term).

Lost - At school on Tuesday, a silver ring with a light purple stone. If you should happen to find please hand into the office.

Found - A gold bracelet. If you are missing one please contact the office.

Community Notices

For Sale - Two 1 yr old rams, price negotiable. Phone Helen 4335512.

Spring Cleaner – Housework, gardening, painting etc, casual or on a regular basis. Experienced with refs. Contact Sarah Bryant 4335909 or 02102747487.

For Rent – Modern 3 bedrm house in Matarau. Available from 15 Oct. Ph Ross & Fiona Davies 4335792.

Wanted – Avocados etc wanted for pig food, will pick up from ground. Please ph Kelly or Shane on 4335588.

Plant Swap – Whangarei Farmers Market, Sat 15 Oct, 7-10am, Bring a shopping bag full of your pest plants - roots and all and receive a copy of "Plant Me Instead" booklet and a native plant for your garden.

Tangiteroria Trail Ride – Sun 23 Oct, 35k track, junior and midgets track, additional optional loops for that bigger challenge, Adults \$30, Children \$15, Midgets free. Hot and cold food and drink available. For more info

www.tangiteroriatrailride.co.nz

SMACC Dance Exercise – Ruatangata Hall 6pm Monday's, starting 26th September. Fun new style way to lose weight. Gold coin entry. Ph Mikayla 0210345890 or Ashleigh 02102871595.

Northland Youth Theatre Holiday Programme – Commencing 17th Oct, 9am-4pm. Register now. For more info phone Rose 4384453 or email coordinator@nyt.or.gnz.

Scouts New Zealand – Free one month trial membership available. Visit www.scouts.org.nz or call 0800 SCOUTS.

Whangarei A & P Ag Day

Children preparing their animals for the school Ag Day, can also enter the

Central Calf Club Day being held at Barge Showgrounds Events Centre on

10th November 2011. Plus **entries are now open** for the **A&P Summer**

Show on Saturday 3rd December 2011. All pet calf, lamb or goat

entries received before 14 November receive a free ticket to the Show! Gate

admission for the Show is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free. Visit www.summershow.co.nz for more information.



DairyNZ Matarau Discussion Group

DairyNZ are restarting the **Matarau Discussion Group** for all those who work on dairy farms in the general Matarau area. Discussion groups are an open forum that draw on the experiences of all members within the group and keep you up to date with current trial and research work. Rodger and Anne Cann are hosting the first one, and you are invited to attend it on **Wednesday 28th September at 11.00**, Matarau Road (Otakairangi Rd end), Supply Number 13115. Bring your own lunch – but cake will be provided! If you want more information – call Helen Moodie, 021 816 365 or email on Helen.moodie@dairynz.co.nz

Final Thought

Thank you parents for your support and involvement this term. Thank you to staff and children for your hard work .. many positives to reflect on.

We are in for a very busy (and much shortened) final term and so be sure to have a good break with plenty of time spent with those who matter most. No newsletter next week. First day back at school 25 October. Don't forget to dedicate some time to charter review over the holidays!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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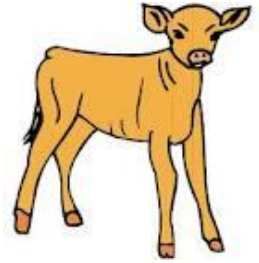
Term 4 Trial

Wraps & Drink \$4.00

Steak & Cheese
Mince & Cheese

Thai Chicken
Butter Chicken

CALF CLUB UPDATE



As advised earlier in the term, Calf Club Day this year will take place 28 October. Due to the shortness of our final term there will be no indoor exhibits this year (back 2012). Children without animals will spend some time on the lower field with their teachers before returning to class for the rest of the morning -joining us again for prize giving and a shared lunch.

Children with calves, lambs and pets will spend the whole morning on the lower field as in earlier years. The afternoon programme will be decided next week and advised in next week's newsletter.



Calf Club is sponsored by
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with ribbons sponsored again by Ringrose Stockfoods.

The tents and animal rings need to be put up on Thursday (28th October) from 3.30pm onwards. A few willing helpers will make this a very quick job. If a few more hands could help dismantle after the event, on Friday lunchtime, that would also be appreciated.

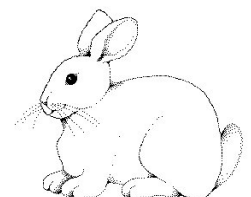
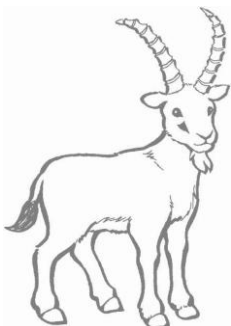
We will have a shared lunch on Friday after the judging has been completed for attending parents and those children with animals ONLY. Children with animals are asked to please *bring 2 plates of food for lunch* and leave it covered in the hall on Friday morning. Other children are asked to bring their regular lunch.

If anyone is available to help set the food out, make the tea, serve food and then clean up afterwards, please contact Helen in the office.

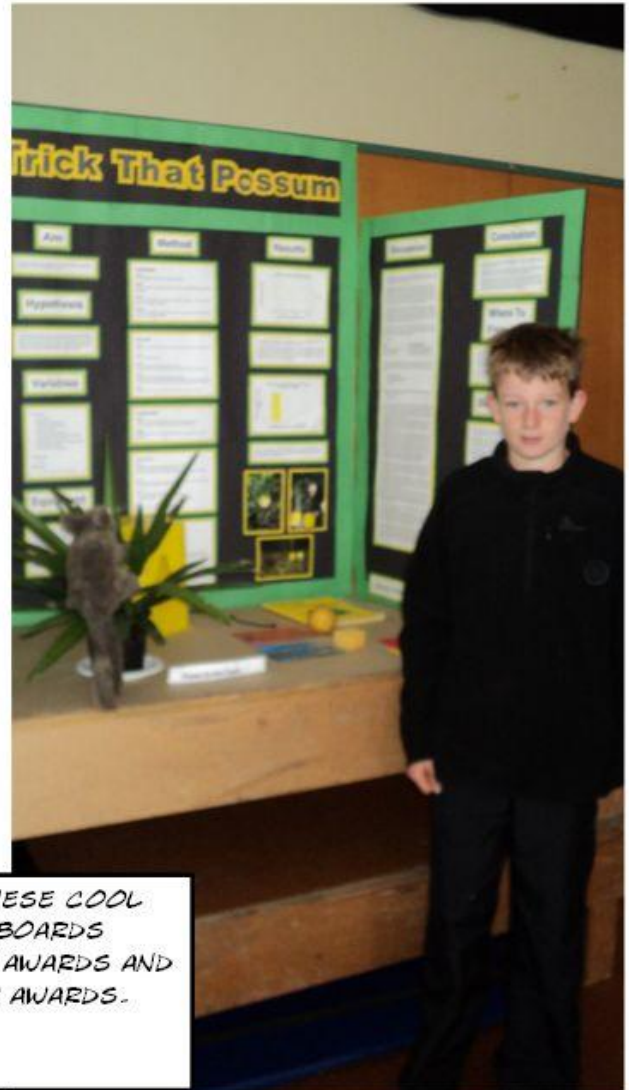
Family and friends are invited to come along to watch the animal judging and share lunch with us.

We also need 6-8 volunteers to be animal marshals on Friday morning. This involves checking the children have arrived with their animal, giving them a competitor number and keeping them in the right place while judging takes place.

**Please ring Steve Martin (433 5066) or Alison Faithfull (433 5557)
if you can help in any way.**



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